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Chief, Tokyo Bureau  
Foreign Broadcast Information Service  
AC of S, G-2, GHQ, FEC  
APO 500, c/o Postmaster  
San Francisco, California

Dear Henry:

I was pleased to receive your letter of 30 June 1948 and have asked [ ] to prepare a memorandum in reply to that portion of your letter devoted to the dictaphone machines.

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I would like for you to know that I will back you up all the way if [ ] should give you any further difficulty in connection with his efficiency report or other matters. I have discussed this briefly with [ ] and there is no doubt in my mind that you have been generous in your rating. You will recall that I told you when I was in Tokyo that you do not need to tolerate any lack of punctuality on his part and my feeling in that matter remains unchanged.

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Your remarks with reference to the [ ] story and the desire of G-2 to do some of its own translating are also interesting. I shall not bother to comment further on them since they appear to be closed deals.

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I am glad that you have decided that you would like to stay in Tokyo until your operation becomes the secondary Far Eastern post. It is difficult to say just how long this will be. My guess is that it will be from six to nine months, as you suggest, but possibly even longer. If, however, it does drag too long and you desire to transfer earlier, I shall arrange it if it is at all possible. Your reassignment, of course, will depend upon vacancies existing at the time, and you know that I do not like to make definite promises. However, I will assure you, short of making an actual promise, that your reassignment to London can be arranged. I should like for you to spend a few months in Washington before proceeding to your new assignment. As I discussed with you in Tokyo, I cannot promise you that you can go to London at your present grade. There, again, it would depend upon vacancies existing at the time. In all probability, however, the vacancies existing will be at grade CAF-11 rather than CAF-12.

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I wanted also to comment on your request for the new sedan. The only official request I can find on record is a very informal one in a letter from [redacted] on 10 May 1948. [redacted] informs me that he asked your Bureau to write up a detailed justification. He says he sent you a message by teletype on 24 May 1948 and that he has not yet received a reply. What action will be taken when we do receive your reply we cannot predict. It is unfortunate, however, that we did not get your request in before 1 July. It might have been a relatively simple matter before that date. However, funds for this fiscal year are not so plentiful and almost every purchase of this nature has to have a very strong and detailed justification.

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Sincerely,

L. K. White

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